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Swimmer ready for Olympic experience

Former Aqua jet poised for Beijing

BY JOSH SKAPIN Didsbury Review

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The night before she leaves for Singapore, Didsbury's Jillian Tyler takes a moment to catch her breath and reflect on a month that was nothing short of a whirlwind.

Earlier this year, Tyler, 19, captured the second best time at the Canadian swimming trials in Montreal, to qualify for the opportunity to represent Canada at the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing next month.

Games in Beijing next month.

Since then, the University of Minnesota student's day-timer has been action-packed.

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This included a trip to Omaha, Nebraska, where the former Didsbury Aqua Jet observed the United States Olympic swimming trials, an experience that she felt was valuable.

"Obviously, there was a huge contrast to how the Canadian trials had been in terms of spectator turnout and capacity and how fast the meet was and such, but I really took it as a time

"Being in a crowded arena with 13,000 fans to get pumped up for what I was going to be doing within the next month.

Tyler said it also played a part in helping her refocus

part in helping her refocus and introduce her to the adrenaline rush.

"Being in a crowded arena

"Being in a crowded arena with 13,000 fans screaming at the top of their lungs definitely gets the blood pumping. It helped me adapt to what the conditions might be like in Beijing, in terms of the amount of spectators and how loud it might be and I

how loud it might be and I was able to think about how I would stay calm in that type of atmosphere," she said.

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While Tyler is preparing herself for some of the exterior influences of a major swim event, she hasn't spent time mentally preparing for what her time in the water against the world's best, may be like.

"Once we arrive in Singapore, where our staging camp is being held, and start to rest a bit, I will begin to visualize how I want my race to go and what I want it to feel like. I tend to get really anxious and excited when I think about stuff like that..."

The personable Tyler says her coach has been vital in maintaining a level-headedness.

"As for acknowledging the fact that it is the biggest sport-

"As for acknowledging the fact that it is the biggest sporting event in the world, I have talked with my coach Kelly and
we have really focused on the fact that it is just another 100
breaststroke, a race I have swum hundreds of times before. I
know I will get excited no matter what, and I will be nervous
-but racing that race is nothing new to me. How it may feel
will most likely be different, but the race itself is nothing

Her expectations for what may happen in the pool remain few.

But that's not to say her sights aren't set on doing something special.

"I have goals that I would like to accomplish personally in the pool, but I feel like anything can happen. I want to be prepared for anything, and if I have any expectations I would also have to plan for the unexpected. That doesn't bother me, but honestly, I just really have no expectations."

So far, the only race that Tyler has set in stone is one on the evening of Aug.10.

That morning, she'll be up early, and expects to hit the pool for a loosening swim.



Photo contributed

Jillian Tyler

If Tyler earns a spot in the semi-final, she'll be back in the water the next morning.

Depending on her performance in the semis, she could be off to the finals.

"My goal is to make the finals and then the relay, being the fastest 100 metre breaststroker would secure my position as the breaststroker on the 4x100 metre medley relay, which would mean continuing with my taper (lower mileage and

less intensity) throughout the rest of the swimming competi-

tion," she said.

"The relay is on the last day of swimming (Aug.18), so I would need to maintain my feel for the water until then. If my Olympic experience ends on either the 10'th or 11'th, then I will probably swim easy on my own for a while, but my summer has technically started and I can just relax and enjoy the rest of my Olympic experience."

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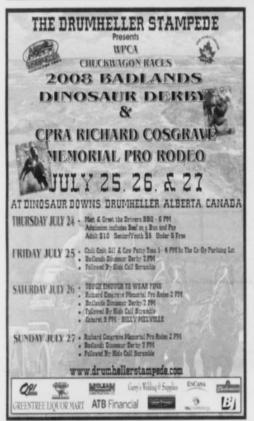
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Didsbury reaches 4,599

Municipal census brings grant possibilities

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury's munici-

pal census has revealed a population larger than what was tabulated by a recent federal cen-

According to the town Didsbury's present population is compared to the federal count at 4.275.

Town CAO Roy Brown says, 60 of the residences surveyed either did not have anyone home or had occupants that were unwilling to participate in the census

Mayor Brian Wittal says he expected the count to be closer to 4,700.

We didn't get 100 per cent, that still tells me that we were right in feeling it was necessary to do he said, adding that the updated information will be helpful when acquiring grant dollars from the province on a per capita

He says upwards of \$25,000 should now be made available with the census update.

Wittal says another municipal census may be taken around 2010, which is when he forecasts the

population to reach nearly 5,000.

"With that comes a few things including paying for policing," he

In addition, once the town reaches 5,000, franchises start taking notice, says Wittal.

"They look for that magic number for the base in the community, for them to be viable both for business and finding workers.

Wittal says some franchises expected to approach the town with ideas, but have yet to present

design plans or official proposals. No names of franchises were

Legion recruiting amidst financial struggles

BY DAVID ERICKSON

Didsbury Review

The Olds Royal Canadian Legion No. 105 is seeking out new members and volunteers to help support its community projects while struggles to make ends meet itself

The Legion, which has been operating in Olds in one form or another since 1926, is feeling the pinch financially because of a lack of membership.

"We're having a loss position this said Murray Rutledge, the Legion Branch Manager. According to Rutledge, the legion is looking at a roughly \$30,000 loss

as of the end of May.

The Legion, which covers Olds Didsbury and Bowden, has around 1,500 members, including the Ladies Auxiliary, or roughly 15 per

cent of the population of Olds. Over the last five years, legion has donated over \$500,000 back into the community.

The money goes to supporting veterans, seniors and youth groups such as Scouts, Air Cadets, Army Cadets, swimming clubs and hock ey clubs and to purchase equipment for schools and hospitals, such as the \$11,000 donated to the hospital for the purchase of a sigmoidoscope which is used to detect colon cancer.

"One year we donated to a karate club that needed funds," said Rutledge

It is those same kinds of programs that will be affected if the

"They'll start to feel the

pinch."

Legion does not start getting more

said Rutledge.
The Legion is also seeking out

volunteers to continue their work

"The Legion has been and contin-ues to be extensively run by volun-

According to Rutledge, Legion members have been actively volunteering through driving the Sunshine Bus, which was

within the community.

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Olds Legion Branch Manager

MURRAY RUTLEDGE,

Legion, school buses, the curling club, seniors' groups, and many other volunteer projects throughout the town.

Membership at the Legion costs \$45 annually and is open to anyone years of age and older.

For those who don't want to become Legion members, but are looking for a fun night out, the Legion has lots to offer.

The public has come to believe that they are not invited to come to the Legion and that is not true said Rutledge.

The Legion, which is an entirely non-smoking environment, has many different games and gaming leagues such as pool, shuffleboard, darts, bridge, crib, and bingo nights that are all open to the public. The Legion also participates in regional, provincial and national tournaments that members are able to compete in.

There are also a dining room and lounge where a family can go out to have dinner, along with dinner shows and live entertainment running at different times throughout the year.

"It's a non-offensive environ-ment," said Rutledge.

The only thing non-members are asked to do is sign in before

Utility bill troubles ongoing

The Town of Didsbury issues arising from our utility billing software.

Didsbury staff has encountered a variety of problems with the soft-ware that is used to gen-

members

Didsbury utility bills.

The most recent issue being that an arrears warning was added to the went out last week, despite whether the account was up-to-date or not. Residents with utility bills that are not in arrears are asked to please disregard the message on the bottom of their bill this

This has been very frus trating," said Chief Administrative Officer Roy Brown. "This is a software glitch that the software suppliers are working hard to resolve."

The Town of Didsbury apologizes for any confusion that these issues have caused and anticipate hav ing all the problems with the software worked out

For further information. please contact the Town Didsbury Admin istration Office at 403-

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ratt's day parole extended

Didsbury Review

The National Parole Board (NPB) extended its ruling to allow former Didsbury resident Allan Charles Pratt day parole, during a pre-release hearing July 8.

Pratt, 52, is serving a life sen-tence for second degree murder committed while on an unescorted temporary absence permit Apr. 9,

"Any relapse into noncompliance could have devastating effects for you and possibly society," NATIONAL PAROLE BOARD

In addition to murder, his criminal record includes convictions for robbery, weapons and property

related offences. RCMP alerted the public that Pratt was being released on a 12hour unescorted temporary absence permit to visit his family in

Didsbury Feb. 9, 2006. This announcement sparked outrage in the community, with many residents printing posters warning others about Pratt coming to town. The decision was later rescinded.

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pre-release in July, will be serving his second six-month term of day parole

All three board members, Marilyn M. Kenny, Marlene Choma, and Patricia Haaseek voted in favour of continuing Pratt's day parole, a status which he has been under since July 19, 2007.

"File information indicated that you had been meeting all of the expectations of your day parole



Allan Charles Pratt

and following all of the Community Residential Facility's rules and regulations. There had been no con-cern regarding the abstinence condition and that you had been meeting with your psychiatrist regularly well as the mental health nurse for medications management,

You were also meeting with the Correctional Service of Canada Social Worker for assistance with reintegration and acquiring employment as well as members of your church and the Schizophrenic Society for support."

The board continued by saying that Pratt's risk to the community had not increased since his release and that his risk to reoffend was not considered to be undue.

"You continue to adapt to life in the community and are taking small, gradual steps for a positive reintegration. You also understand that it is a long process and you continue to work toward this is a positive manner," continued the report.

You have not secured employment in the community; however, you have remained optimistic about such."

Pratt's special conditions include a medication and treatment regime, which the board calls vital.

"Any relapse into non-compli-ance could have devastating effects for you and possibly society," said the report, regarding his medica-

"Any indications that you have not followed through with proper treatment or your medication regime would immediately put sociat risk

Abstaining from alcohol, and illic it drugs are included in his condidone.

didsbury medical clinic

Dr. Jaffer and staff would like to welcome

Dr. David A. Playfair

who brings with him significant experience in the elderly and Occupational Medicine. Dr. A. Playfair will be working at dmc until the end of September, 2008.

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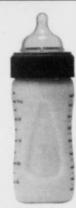
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Opinion

Commentary Election timing rule changes

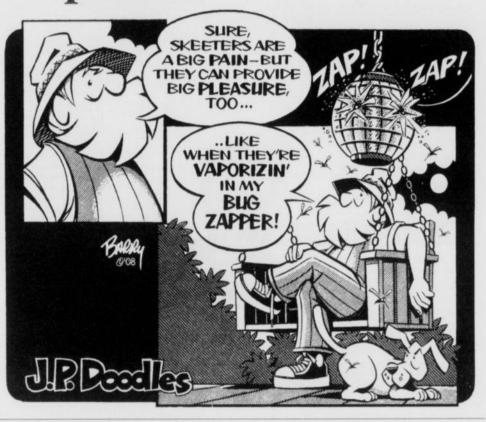
working well

BY DAN SINGLETON

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Canadians probably won't be going to the polls in a federal election until October 2009, thanks in large part to new rules that prevent the prime minister from calling an elec-

tion at a time he or she judges to be most advantageous for the ruling party. With the Dion Liberals in tatters these days, rocked by internal unrest and divided over key issues Harper such as climate change, the Conservatives must be wondering if the election timing changes they pushed so hard for are really such a good thing after all. Following the last federal election, MPs passed new rules that mandate an election be held every four years. Under the changes, unless the government falls in a non-confidence vote, the party in power remains in power for the full term. "I know when the next election is, in October 2009," said Myron Thompson, Wild Rose Conservative MP. "I don't think the Liberals are anywhere near ready. They still have a lot of dissention in their ranks around their leader and there's a lot of disagreement among themselves over the carbon tax and they've got no money and they are being sued every time you turn around." In the past, prime ministers such as Jean Chretien and Brian Mulroney made very good use of their power to call an election when their opponents were weak and divided. Time and time again the party in power was able to wait for just the right moment to head to the polls, creating a clear advantage that often translated into election victory. With his principal opponent badly battered right now, this fall would be an ideal time for Prime Minister Stephen Harper to call a vote. But, alas, that option is no longer available. Of course the government could fall in a non-confidence vote before October 2009 - but the Liberals have already made it very clear that they won't be taking that road. "We've put out at least a dozen confidence motions and we've passed them all. If they don't want to take us down, they don't have to," said MP Thompson. While the new election timing rules may prove to be something of a mixed blessing for the ruling party, they are certainly working well for Canadians, ensuring that when an election is called it will be fought on a level playing field. As such, isn't it high time for Alberta to adopt the same rules, putting an end to decades of premiers such as Ralph Klein and Ed Stelmach using the system to give themselves an unfair advantage?



Guest Commentary

CEO firings part of needed reorganization

RICHARD MARZ

MLA, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

When it comes to health care, the needs of the patient must be the focal point around which service decisions are made. Patient care in our province must be seamless and barriers to care or transitions between caregivers must be reduced or eliminated. Albertans must have the right access to the right service, at the right time, and in the right place.

in the right place. That's why the province's new Alberta Health Services Board is taking actions to ensure that health-care providers and organizations work together so that services to Albertans are complementary, coordinated and seamless. A new integrated provincial health system will put an end to the competition amongst regions for resources, services and health professionals and look at what's needed across the entire province. This new organization will create a system where the focus is more on the patient needs than to specific geographic regions. Let me be clear, our health system remains intact and in place. Day-to-day delivery of service is not being interrupted. What will be changing is how the

better link people with care. The new structure will include a Continuum of Care Division which has two streams: 1.) Urban Services 2.) Community and Rural Services. Urban Services will have primary responsibility for the health system Calgary, Edmonton, Fort furray, Grande Prairie, McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Red Deer. Community and Rural Services will have primary respon-sibility for services in the rest of Alberta. This structure recognizes Alberta Irus structure recognizes that different approaches are required for health-care delivery based on where people live. For example, service delivery in rural Alberta and remote Alberta communities is different than in large urban centres. The distances are greater, attracting health care professionals can be more challenging, and some specialized services are not available. Under this new structure, no front-line workers will lose their jobs. But in order to create the new organizational structure some changes in senior administration were absolutely necessary. For example, under the new structure there is no longer a need for CEOs in the respective health regions. These people have worked very hard on behalf of Albertans and we

recognize and thank them for their dedication and contribution to making our province a leader in health care. In place of the CEOs, the Alberta Health Services Board announced the creation of an interim leadership team to be led by Interim CEO Charlotte Robb. The leadership team will be made up of administrative and clinical leaders from across the current health regions and boards and were chosen because of their leadership skills and knowledge in the health field. In addition, an Integration Team of health-care providers, planners and administrators and a Council of Clinical Advisors from across the health system will work closely with the Continuum of Care Division to ensure a smooth transition and no disruption of service. The restructuring process will be phased in over the next nine months.

This is a new journey with one desired end point - a system that is seamless for patients and their families, where caregivers are able to work together without jurisdictional barriers, where access and quality service are evident through the system, and where all Albertans have the right access to the right service at the right time in the right place.

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

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Robert Wigg, Development Office



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27	28	29	30	31		

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(town or community)

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Favourite corporate citizen?

3. Best new trend?

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- 37. Best fries?
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Worst new trend?

- 38 Best steak?
- 57. Best gas station?

5. Best kept secret?

- 39. Best Chinese?
- 58. Best place for auto repairs?

Worst intersection?

- 40. Best pizza?
- 59. Best place to pimp your ride?

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- 22. Best local band/musician?

60. Best convenience store?

8. Best place to go camping?

- 41. Best place for cheap eats? 42. Best place for lunch?
- 61. Best nursery/greenhouse?

9. Coolest place to take visitors?

- 43. Best ice cream?
- 62. Best used/consignment store?

10. Best place to take your kids?

- 44. Best dessert?
- 63. Best place to buy produce?

11. Biggest eyesore?

- 45. Best cup of coffee?
- 64. Best place to buy beef?

12. Best park?

- 27. Best bar to catch last call? 46. Best wine selection?
- 65. Favourite bakery?

13. Best place to walk your dog? 14. Best place to read a book?

- 47. Best beer selection?
- 66. Favourite realtor?

48. Best place to find cool junk?

49. Best place to be pampered?

67. Favourite teacher? 68. Favourite golf course?

15. Best place for a picnic? 16. Best place for first kiss?

- 50. Best barber shop/salon?

32. Best customer service (1-5*)?

20. Best local festival/rodeo?

21. Best place to shoot pool?

24. Best bartender/server & location?

25. Best bar to spend a day in?

28. Best place to watch sports?

29. Best restaurant atmosphere?

30. Best restaurant for first date?

31. Best place to people watch?

26. Best bar for dancing?

23. Best local artist?

- 51. Best Farmer's Market?
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Letters to the editor

Preschool needs help

Didsbury Preschool Society is a registered non-profit organization that provides a supportive, safe and age appropriate learning environment for chil-dren three to five years of age. The goal of the society is to provide a program where children can learn through play, thus fostering social, physical, and emotional development of the preschool child.

The school was estab lished in 1978 by a very dedicated group of par-ents, whose purpose was to provide their preschool children with the opportunity to learn through constructive play and develop ment of social skills prior to entering the school sys-tem. The school is still run today by a very dedicated group of parents with those same goals. The school also provides programming for special needs students, through the PUF program run ou of Ross Ford Elementary

Our current building is

located at 2154 18th Ave as many know it the little white preschool. It was built in the early 1920s and once was a mortuary. The building is falling down, the roof is caving and our walls are shifting due to a cracking foundation. The society will need to raise about \$ 50,000 dollars for a new building. We are hoping with the community support we can raise half those funds, and the government will pitch the rest. This community needs this school, and with out the support of this community will not be able to keep our doors open. That means closing the doors to 60 families and crushing the hearts of many young-

Didsbury Preschool will be doing a bottle drive on Aug. 9. If you wish to donate your bottles but won't be around please place them out at the curb and we will be sure to pick

The following compa nies believe in the impor tance of this school and



(Pictured left) Shell-Crest Royal Puzzler. Supreme Champion at the Wild Rose Furturity Pony Wild Hose Furturity Pony
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Breed Pony Show. The
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Didsbury's Shell-Crest Didsbury's Welsh Ponies.

have already graciously donated: Front Porch Realty, Elks, Gil's Truck and Auto, Forte Performance. \$25,000 is a lot of money and we need more help! To donate please contact either Erin Enns 403-335-3176 forte@telus.net or Stace; Lodermeier 403-335-8294 staceyc1@telus.net There will also be donation boxes around town.

If you need more info you can call the most amazing teacher of Didsbury Preschool Cherrie Crawford 403-335 8039, our president Laurie Waiting 403-335-0054, or me Stacey Lodermeier at 403-335-8294.

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Library funds needed 1999! Managing all this

The editor,

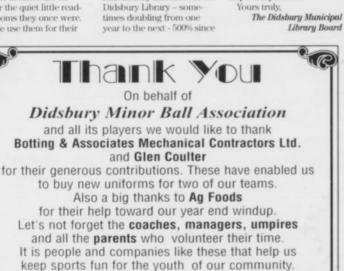
Fifteen Years! It has been 15 long years since the province of Alberta increased operating funds to public libraries. (Well, actually for 9 of those years, the library grant was decreased by 26¢ per capita and was only returned to \$4.29 in 2002.) Even as our communities grow the grants do not, as current population counts are not used.

Just to maintain the level of services libraries now provide, they require an additional \$10 million to the total annual provincial grants. A mere .0037% of the province's operating budget would enable our public libraries to continue to provide services

Local libraries are no longer the quiet little read ing rooms they once were People use them for their and reference services, for meeting spaces and learning opportunities, as well as for recreational and educational reading. Over the last decade, the province has supported valuable initia tives that led to one of the most progressive and dynamic library systems in North America: The Alberta Library and Alberta Public Library Electronic Network connect all public libraries via SuperNet and greatly among Alberta Libraries both public and academic Citizens have embraced these - using their TAL cards all over the province - enjoy ing this barrier-free access to information. Interlibrary loan activity increases at the Didsbury Library - some times doubling from one

information technologies

interlibrary loan traffic and meeting the increased expectations of library users falls to local library staff and municipality. http://dml.prl.ab.ca.



THANKS AGAIN

Sharon Geist, Director of DMBA





In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Wednesday, July 23

The Farmers' Market will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. on the bottom floor of the curling rink. To rent a table, please phone Laura at 335-4252.

Friday, July 25

You are welcome to come and play cribbage at the 5-0 Centre starting at 7 p.m. Enjoy the cards, the coffee and goodies and visiting.

Monday, July 28

From 2 to 7 p.m., the doors will be open at the MP Room at the Complex for the blood donor clinic. If you wish to make an appointment, phone 1-888-236-6283 (toll free) and walk-ins are always welcome. The Didsbury O.O.R.P. ladies will welcome you and tend to all your needs

August 5 and 6, Tuesday and Wednesday

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Following classes on Wednesday the 6th, there will be a family barbeque Ages - those entering pre-school to Grade 5. Please phone Marlene at 337-3137 to register.

Tuesday, August 5

Dr. Nugent, foot doctor, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1 to 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Saturday, August 9

This is the day of the Men's, Ladies' and Juniors' Wind-Ups at the Didsbury Golf Course. Phone the clubhouse 335-3635 for all the info.

Didsbury Royal Purple #317

Honoured Royal Lady – Ellen Tevendale Charitable Donations May 2007 to May 2008: Country Critters Didsbury Jets Swim Club.. \$900 Alzheimer's Society... \$25 United Way (Calgary) \$150 High School Scholarship to Tim Phillips. \$500 Carstairs Legion (Wreath). Didsbury Minor Hockey \$50 Mountainview Food Bank \$500 Istar (Stuttering & Speech Institute)... Alberta Children's Hospital..... \$1,000 Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children. Kristen Kurtz (School Travel Expenses) \$400

September: Provincial President Linda Torphy visited

October: District Deputy Debbie Lupuliak Official

November: Supreme Honoured Royal Lady of

Canada Debbie Waldon Visit.

December: Christmas Oranges to Aspen Ridge/
Kinsman Manor. Visited our shut-in members. Visited schools with Christmas treats for the children.

March: 40th Didsbury Lodge #317 Birthday.

Sponsored two blood clinics. Delivered Meals on

April: Hosted District #5 District Meeting.

We had a very busy year and much appreciation to all who worked so hard to make it a success.

Congratulations to Lady Ellen on her third term as the Honoured Royal Lady of Didsbury #317

Our next blood clinic is July 28. Please attend.



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Didsbury youth takes livestock scholarship

The International Youth Livestock show concluded its four-days of competition with awards including

twenty-five scholarships totaling \$26,500 July 12, 2008 at Stampede Park. Some of those winners were senior ompetitor Lindsay Parker of Three

Hills, AB, intermediate competitor Michael Haeni of Didsbury, AB and junior competitor Taylor Giles of Cochrane, AB.

The International Youth Livestock show commenced with the Heavy Horse show component July 7 and beef,multi-judging, dairy, sheep and marketing competitions from July 10-12 all as part of the Stampede Stock Show.

Twenty year-old Lindsay Parker, a third year McGill University student was excited about being one of the can didates to receive a scholarship again this year. "I'm always very very grateful for the scholarships. It makes things so much easier at school." Parker gained

points competing in the sheep show, placing first across the board. She also put her best effort into a thirty second marketing commercial on what agriculture will look like in 2015. "It wasn't so good. I'm technology challenged," admits Parker. The ambitious younglady also notched a win in the sheep-division for multi-judging and also competed in senior herdsman quiz where contestants are required to answer agricultural industry related questions, identify plant species and equipment. Parker is also on a multijudging team at her school and gets to quite a few competitions each year.

"I love to show and Hove Stampede." Parker intends to pursue her desire to be a wildlife veterinarian and will be volunteering with a wildlife veterinarian in the Banff/Jasper region this summer. Her ambitions have already taken her to a reserve in Africa where she volunteered and she is considering the University of Glasgow,Scotland, (considered to be the top school for wild life veterinary medicine), for her educational pursuits.

cattle showman, Michael Dairy Haeni of Didsbury, AB earned a \$1,000 bursary for his efforts in the Youth Livestock Show this year. "I was excited. I've never won one before." Although Haeni has been showing cattle in open shows all his life, this was only his fourth Youth Livestock Show. Haeni exhibited three dairy cattle heifers, participated in multi-judging and also prepared a PowerPoint presentation on local products and how they can make a difference in the future. "I like showing. Its fun and I like getting together with other dairy kids.

Haeni works with his cattle daily in order to keep prepared for shows. His family cares for 350 Jersey cows of which 95-100 are producing which 95-100 are producing milk...approximately 3,600 litres of it,



Fifteen year-old Amy LeClaire of Didsbury, AB was named Grand Champion showman showing a Clydesdale gelding

LeClaire a showmanship champion

BY JOSH SKAPIN

Didsbury Review

During the championship class in the heavy horse competition at the Calgary Stampede, Amy LeClaire of Didsbury was taken aside by judge Scott Nebergall.

"He came up to me and said I could show horses for him anytime," she said.

I thought that was really cool." LeClaire, an accomplished horse show competitor was one youth who competed in the Heavy Horse program which included classes in decorating, showmanship and Conformation.

LeClaire, 15, triumphed, taking the grand champion showmanship title.

Typically, that isn't her aim, but she was happy with the honour.
"Showmanship isn't usually at the

top of m priority list. I usually prefer the confirmation end of it, but it was good to win it," she said

for awhile. It's such a big adrena-line rush before going in the ring. I love waiting for the results, espe

cially if they pull you out."

As for showing horses for the judge, LeClaire says she'll look into it after her busy summer has ended. She is leaving for a horse show in Manitoba this week, before return-ing for the Olds Fair, and then a show in Indiana.





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What's in a name? Bowden

Bowden was established in 1891 as a siding on the Calgary and Edmonton Railway, and the post office a year later. There are three explanations for the origin of the

name. The first and most widely accepted version says that a surveyor named Williamson suggested his wife's maiden name. The second states that it recalls Bowden in Melrose Municipality in Scotland. The third maintains that the name town commemorates Manchester, England. This was veri-fied by and early postmaster, who, around 1905 confirmed the Manchester connection. The town of Bowden was incorporated in August 1981. The area near Bowden was originally called Lone Pine for the well-known stopping place on the Calgary to Edmonton trail.



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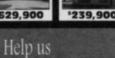
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We need to have the MVG to press early Thursday.

The **AD BOOKING DEADLINE** for the Didsbury Review and the Olds Albertan will be Wed., July 30 at 5 p.m., copy deadline Thursday, July 31 at noon.

Drink regulations aim to sober-up patrons

BY MARK LAYCOCK

Didsbury Review

Regular bar goers may find themselves hungover with the bitter aftertaste of resentment following the elimination of drink specials and restrictions on drink orders come August 1.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission has established new rules that prevent drinking establishments from hosting drink specials after 8 p.m., and limit the number of drinks a person can have at one time to two after 1 a.m.

The new rules dictate that drink specials can't be implemented even during 'happy hours'. Furthermore, establishments are required to follow minimum drink prices as detailed by the commission.

Fred Lindsay, solicitor general and minister of public security, says the move is in response to the growing problem of bar violence.

"(The rules) are not meant to interfere with responsible patrons - they are designed to limit the liquor consumption of those drinkers who don't wish to set their own limits "says Lindsay

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Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Kevin Fischer said that members haven't been made aware of the new rules yet, but still thinks they should help some positive effect.

"Ultimately, issues of violence is directly related to over consumption and this is something that could help curtail that in the bar scene," said Fischer.

The rules were the product of extensive meetings between the solicitor general, AGLC, community groups, police and stakeholders over the past year and a half.

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"Everyone was becoming more aware that
there were unacceptably high numbers of violent acts around licensed premises," explains
Wes Bellmore, Communications officer for
the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

He notes that that inspectors will be dropping by locations province-wide to check for compliance.

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BY ANDREW WILD Didsbury Review

Spreading the word about storytelling is something Mary Hays is passionate about.

The area resident not only is a professional storyteller herself, but also sits as president of the artform's provincial body, The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling (TALES).

In both roles Hays is keen to not only share the ancient and timeless artform, but also to dispel some of the common misconceptions surrounding true storytelling.

"Sometimes when you talk about storytelling people automatically think about storytelling for children," she explained in a recent

"Our group really promotes storytelling for all ages.

Besides the common belief storytelling is something bestowed on children at bedtime, another misnomer is that the story is being delivered from written material. Storytelling today sticks to its traditional roots of one teller being all the characters and narrators, and delivering it directly to the audience.

Today's spoken story is usually gleaned from multiple print sources from where the storyteller develops their own story. The information gathered is merely used as reference and background material from which to create a compelling and accurate story.

"People use the term

that "oh, you're doing a reading"... that is not what we do," explained Hays. "It's not story memorizing, it's story telling, and it's not story reading. Those are misconceptions just like storytelling is for children."

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The difference, according to Hays, is storytelling requires the audience to be active listeners rather than passive observers.

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> MARY HAYS storyteller

Most of the stories she favours are done in a way that leaves interpretation open to the listener because the teller does not want to direct the audience to perceive the message in any one way.

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"What you do in that case is you trust the story to speak," Hays added. "If I tell you what this story is about ... it might lead you down a path that you wouldn't have gone."

There are basically two types of stories that storytellers relay to their audiences. There are traditional stories that are generally fables and tales passed down in the oral tradition. The second type is personal family and historical stories.

Hays refers to the latter as "creative non-fiction" because of the need to use research, thought and imagination to fill in the blanks of historical events and dates.

"We want to remain true to the facts, but I don't know all the things that happened," she said. "As a storyteller I will imagine and wonder and fill in from many sources ... so it's very creative work."

This style of storytelling has been on display many times at Heritage Park in Calgary where the storytellers will bring the displays to life with colourful historical stories.

In her 15 years as a sto-

In her 15 years as a storyteller, Hays has realized that much about history and even common tales come from the tradition of storytelling. Stories from the Brothers Grimm are a perfect example. They did not write any of the tales for which they've become so famous, but rather col-

lected them by listening to traditional German storytellers spin their yarns by the hearth.

"We're a very print based society, so people look at the stories by the Brothers Grimm and think they wrote them. They didn't. They were collectors of the old traditional stories," Hays said. Stories have three pur-

Stories have three purposes: to entertain, share culture and discover ideas. Many cultural and religious traditions the world over have been passed down from ancient times via the storyteller. Eventually, many, like the Brothers Grimm's versions, made it into print.

However, one thing that has been provided by the recording and printing of stories that were previously in the domain of the spoken word is the ability to see how storytelling has formed the traditions of so many cultures.

"It's more common now, to know about other cultures' stories," Hays said. "There's just some cultures that have valued that oral tradition ... and I think that people are most familiar with the stories of their own culture."

Valuing that tradition is why TALES exists. Not only does the organization exist to allow story-tellers around the province too network and organize events, it adds to the very cultural fabric of the province by nurturing those who believe in the necessity of keeping the artform lively and vibrant.

This year, TALES was awarded charitable status for its work defined in its brochure as "which advances education by raising the aesthetic taste of the community through public performances, presentations and workshops in the art of story-telling."

TALES holds monthly Tellarounds, story cafes, concerts, workshops, a retreat and festivals.

"I do a lot of workshops and one of my main goals is to get people to tune their ears for stories because stories are all around us," explained Hays.

Events are hosted all around Alberta and storytellers are usually open to coming to events to spread the word of their familiar yet often forgotten artform.

"The one thing about storytelling is it's unique," Hays said.

For more information on storytelling and TALES visit ecn.ab.ca?-tales on the world wide web.





Train station paving on tap

approved, as part of the 2008 budget, the paving of the parking lot to the north of the Didsbury Train Station.

Citizens have been complaining for years about the poor drainage and having to walk through puddles and mud to park their vehicle during periods of rain and snow. Council wanted cerns because this parking lot is well-used by people who have to park in the downtown for more than two hours.

The Town does not have the exact date as to when this construction will pro-ceed but paving will occur before the end of August. the weather favourable, it is anticipated

that construction will take three days. The Town, as soon as they have a firm date for paving, will post signs to warn the users of the lot as to when the lot will be closed.

During this construction period, the Town will relax the enforcement of the twohour parking limit in the downtown area.

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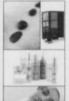
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The precise origins of the name Airdrie in Scotland are lost in history but many have been the subjects of considerable discussion. One theory suggests the name came from the atmospheric condition 'air-dry.' James Knox who wrote a history of Airdrie, Scotland suggested this. He dismisses another theory that the origin of the name is Celtic and means 'high level' for although Airdrie may 'stand high' it has no level part. A third suggests that it means

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